

HOUSE BILL 2020

By Doggett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36;
Title 39 and Title 40, relative to bail.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-150(a), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following new subdivision (a)(2):

(2) Notwithstanding § 40-11-118 or another law to the contrary, in making a decision concerning the amount of bail required for the release of a defendant who is arrested for a criminal offense defined in title 39, chapter 13, in which the alleged victim of the offense is a domestic abuse victim as defined in § 36-3-601(5), the magistrate shall set the defendant's bail in an amount not less than twice that which is customarily set for the offense charged if the magistrate finds the defendant strangled, or attempted to strangle, the victim during the commission of the offense or made threats against the victim's life.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.